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REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-8 and claims 10-17 (16 total claims, 2 independent claims) remain pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

II. Drawings

The subject Office Action notes that new corrected drawings have not been received. Accordingly, Applicants enclose herewith corrected formal drawings.

III. Allowed Claims & Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-17 are allowed and that claim 9-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted in the amendments above, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 9. As such, Applicant submits that claim 1 and its variously dependent claims are thus likewise allowable.

All other claims which have been variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been canceled, thus obviating any outstanding rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of such rejections and allowance of all currently pending claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-8 and 10-17 properly set forth that which Applicants regards as their invention and is allowable over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602) 382-6337 at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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